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Dear Members of the Plastic Recycling Industry:

The Department of Conservation's Division of Recycling (Division) has a contract with the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to perform the 1996 Post-Consumer Rigid Plastic Container (RPPC) Recycling Survey. The survey is being conducted in compliance with the requirements of SB 235 (Public Resources Code Section 42310), specifying that the CIWMB must determine annually the all-container RPPC recycling rate.

Attached you will find the survey that is to be completed and mailed back or faxed to the Division. In keeping with the Division's past practices and legal obligations regarding proprietary information, all information will be kept in strictest confidence. Once the survey is completed and analyzed, only the aggregate information will be given to the CIWMB for calculation of the recycling rate.

In the interest of conserving your valuable time, the Division has designed the survey to be simple and as easy to complete as possible. We have asked you for the minimal information necessary for the CIWMB to meet its mandate. Please be sure to read both the definitions and the survey questions carefully and provide us with the most accurate information possible.

If you have any questions about the survey or the survey form, please contact any of the following:

Sue Ingle	(916) 322-1688
Gene Harm	(916) 327-2770
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Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this survey.

Sincerely,

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Director

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Attachment.



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1996 Postconsumer Rigid Plastic Packaging Container Recycling Survey

Thank you for participating in this survey. We have only 2 questions for you (and you may not even have to answer all of them!) Each question asks about your firm's involvement with Rigid Plastic Packaging Containers known as RPPCs.

RPPC: A "Rigid Plastic Packaging Container", for the purposes of this survey, is any container that is *all* of the following:

1. It is made entirely of plastic;
2. It is a packaging container in which a product is sold;
3. It is rigid and therefore capable of maintaining its shape;
4. It is capable of multiple reclosures with its attached or unattached lid;
5. It is normally used to store a product for 7 days or longer and therefore does not include deli trays or fast food packaging.

Examples of RPPCs include beverage, food and household products such as soda bottles, milk jugs, kitty litter and laundry detergent bottles. "Postconsumer" RPPCs include only those RPPCs in which a consumer product has been sold.

Here's the first question. Please check the correct answer and follow the appropriate directions.

Question 1: During 1996, did your organization *bale, grind or densify* any postconsumer RPPCs?

- ☐ **No.** Please return the survey in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope or FAX it to 916-445-0645, **Attention: Sue Ingle or Gene Harm.** Thanks for your help!
- ☐ **Yes.** Please answer Question 2.

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The next question will ask you to report your organization's 1996 postconsumer RPPC exports and shipments to end-users, reclaimers and brokers. Question 2 also will ask you to **not** report your shipments to MRFs, processors or handlers. Here's what those terms mean:

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Export: "Exported" postconsumer RPPCs are sent directly from your facility to some location outside the United States.

End-User: "End-Users" are companies that use recycled postconsumer RPPCs to manufacture new products.

Reclaimer: "Reclaimers" are companies that pelletize or prepare postconsumer RPPCs for end-users.

Broker: "Brokers" are individuals or companies engaged in the buying and selling of postconsumer RPPCs. Brokers generally do not handle the material directly.

MRF/Processor/Handler: "MRFs, processors and handlers" are companies engaged in sorting, baling and/or otherwise densifying postconsumer RPPCs.

Question 2: During 1996, how many pounds of postconsumer RPPCs did your organization **export** or ship to end-users, reclaimers or brokers? Please use the following table to record your answers by resin type. Please do **NOT** include in your answers any RPPCs shipped to MRFs, processors or handlers.

Postconsumer RPPC Resin Type	1996 Pounds Exported or Shipped to End-Users, Reclaimers or Brokers
PET	
HDPE NATURAL	
HDPE PIGMENTED	
OTHER RESINS	

Please include your phone and FAX numbers.

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Please give us your name and address if they are different from the label shown on page 1.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Thank you very much for completing this survey. Please return it in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope or FAX it to us at 916-445-0645, Attention: Sue Ingle or Gene Harm. Your answers will be kept completely confidential. 9-21

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